

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BANGKO 10932 111310Z

44

ACTION EA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 OMB-01 AID-05 IGA-01 ACDA-05 MC-02

CIAE-00 PM-03 H-02 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01

PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 SAJ-01 TRSE-00 /071 W

----- 130501

R 111133Z JUN 75

FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5504

INFO SECDEF WASHDC

CINCPAC HONOLULU HI

C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 10932

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, MPOL, TH

SUBJ: PRESS REPORT: THAI PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE U.S. ARMS

1. BANGKOK NEWSPAPERS TODAY GIVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO REPORT THAT DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER (AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE) PRAMAN ADIREKSAN PROPOSED TO RTG CABINET YESTERDAY THAT THAILAND PURCHASE \$25 MILLION WORTH OF U.S. MILITARY EQUIPMENT.
2. ONE NEWSPAPER SAID THAT NO CABINET MEMBER OPPOSED THE DEFENSE MINISTER'S INITIATIVE. ACCORDING TO ONE REPORT, PURCHASE WOULD INCLUDE "SURPLUS ARMS AND AMMUNITION FROM THE VARIOUS U.S. AIRBASES IN THIS COUNTRY." ANOTHER SAID "IT WILL INCLUDE BUYING NEW FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION FROM THE U.S."
3. REPORT ATTRIBUTED TO "INFORMED SOURCE." RELIABLE UPI CONTACT SAID THE "INFORMED SOURCE" WAS PRIDA PHATTHANATHABUT, MINISTER ATTACHED TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE. REUTER CONTACT CONFIRMED THIS. REMARKS ON WHICH STORY BUILT WERE TAKEN FROM PRIDA'S BRIEFING FOR SEVERAL NEWSMEN AFTER THE CABINET MEETING JUNE 10.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BANGKO 10932 111310Z

4. PRAMAN, NOR ANY OTHER RTG OFFICIAL HAS APPROACHED US WITH

A WEAPONS PURCHASE PROPOSAL SUCH AS THE ONE REPORTED. WE WILL
REPORT FURTHER AS WE OBTAIN CLARIFICATION OF WHAT PRAMAN
HAS IN MIND.
WHITEHOUSE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ARMS, PRESS COMMENTS, MILITARY EQUIPMENT, MILITARY SALES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 11 JUN 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: CunninFX
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975BANGKO10932
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750203-0761
From: BANGKOK
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750658/aaaacavk.tel
Line Count: 65
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: CunninFX
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 25 JUL 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <25 JUL 2003 by CunninFX>; APPROVED <20 NOV 2003 by CunninFX>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PRESS REPORT: THAI PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE U.S. ARMS
TAGS: MASS, MPOL, TH, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006